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SUBJ: REPORT ON OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EQUIPMENT TSS, NOVEMBER 7-12,

1. THE SEMINAR WAS HELD IN KRAKOW AT THE ACADEMY OF MINING AND METALLURGY NOVEMBER 8 AND 9. THE ADDITIONAL DAYS IN POLAND WERE REQUIRED FOR APPOINTMENTS, DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ACADEMY'S INSTITUTE FOR OIL DRILLING (THE OFFICIAL HOST), AND TO MAKE TRAVEL CONNECTIONS.

2. THE TSS DREW A LARGE OF POLISH MANAGERS, TECHNICIANS, AND ACADEMIC SPECIALISTS. APPROXIMATELY 200 ATTENDED THE FIRST SESSION AND 150 THE SECOND. A FEW ACADEMY STUDENTS ALSO ATTENDED. POLISH GUESTS CAME FROM WARSAW AND AS FAR AWAY AS SZCZECIN AND GDANSK. ALSO PRESENT WERE TDC DIRECTOR SCHRAGE AND FSL TERESA KANCIALA.

3. A RECEPTION WAS HELD AT THE CONSULATE ON THE EVENING OF
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NOVEMBER 8. APPROXIMATELY 35 POLISH GUESTS ATTENDED.

4. FOLLOWING THE SECOND SESSION ON NOVEMBER 9, DEAN STANISLAW KARLIC OF THE INSTITUTE INVITED THE TSS PARTICIPANTS AND APPROXIMATELY 20 POLISH PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS TO AN INFORMAL COCKTAIL/MEETING. DEAN KARLIC AND SEVERAL OF THE POLISH GUESTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE TSS

AND MADE CLEAR THEIR DESIRE FOR CONTINUED CONTACT AND COOPERATION WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT.

5. DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR STAY IN KRAKOW, THE TSS PARTICIPANTS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS POLISH ORGANIZATIONS, MOST NOTABLY WITH PETROBALTIC. AS A RESULT OF THESE CONTACTS, IT WAS LEARNED THE POTENTIAL IS GOTM FOR THE PURCHASE OF U.S. DRILLING EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRST JACK-UVORGC TO BOUGHT BY THE FTO CENTROMOR, AND FOR FUTURE RIGS AS WELL. FYI: A SEPARATE TELEGRAM WILL BE SENT CONCERNING PETROBALTIC PLANS DISCUSSED AT THE SEMINAR. END FYI.

6. THE TSS PARTICIPANTS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE EXPOSURE THEY RECEIVED DURING THIS SEMINAR. OF SPECIAL NOTE WAS THE EXCEPTIONALLY WARM HOSPITALITY EXTENDED BY THE INSTITUTE AND THE OTHER POLISH GUESTS. THE INSTITUTE GAVE EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND FACILITIES FOR THE SEMINAR AND PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SERVICES WHICH MADE THE STAY IN KRAKOW VERY PROFITABLE. THE TSS PARTICIPANTS MINGLED WELL WITH PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS AND LEFT AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOOD WILL UPON THEIR DEPARTURE. FINALLY, THE CONSULATE IN KRAKOW IS TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENDED FOR ITS ENTHUSIASTIC AND EFFECTIVE SUPPORT.

7. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE RECEPTION THIS TSS RECEIVED AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT TO POLAND, WE BELIEVE ANOTHER OIL AND GAS-ORIENTED TSS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FUTURE, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE POLES BEGIN TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PRODUCTION PHASE OF OIL AND GAS RESERVES. END COMMENT. DAVIES

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